"Any fool can know.
The point
is to understand."

-Albert Einstein

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An inscription found on some Roman tombs, shortened often to "NF.F.NS.NC.":

It translates as:

"I was not,
I was,
I am not,
I care not."

I used to work in a library that had a copy of this book.

It was a common find on pull lists - we'd send it to other libraries for holds constantly. It always came back within a day or two.

My guess is that people saw the title in the catalog and naturally assumed it was referring to something drastically different.

The Devon Rex-
Cinkly short
fur and big,
alien-looking
eyes and ears.

The Sphynx
(of course)-
our hairless
friend. Go to
cuddle one date-
it was like holding
a water bottle.

The Munchkin cat,
the feline
equivalent of a
dachshund.
Teeny tiny legs!

We
get it.
People
Suck.
Fuck
off.

HOT TAKE

Postapocalyptic media is nihilistic and overdone.
At this point it's more of a creative flex to imagine a positive and functional future. Maybe that's why "hopepunk" is taking off more.

Hell, if we put half the creativity we show imagining shitty futures into finding solutions to our problems, we wouldn't have so many of us living in fear.

"Take this tape back to those Scotch bosses of yours and tell them to put more adhesive on it!"

The words of an unnamed auto painter, whose ethnic slur, directed towards the tape's inventor Richard Drew, gave it the name it still goes by today.

Another stereotype baked into the fabric of our everyday lives.

Just as the Saxons were associated with the weapon they used -
the seax-
So were the Franks associated with their commonly used weapon -
the francisca.

Procopius (not always the most trustworthy writer, mind you) described how they would hurl this axe to break shields before rushing the enemy with a sword.

According to the FDA, over 8.8 million tons of animal waste was generated in the US in one year (2007) for reference, an aircraft carrier is "only" 100,000 tons or so.

The Sun! Khaifa, the world's tallest building, is about 500,000 tons. So a bit over 17 of those in shit. Every year. In one country.

So what's up with

blue

raspberry?

anyway

Raspberries aren't blue...

Well, one species (the whitebeak raspberry) kind of is (not really). But it has more to do with ice pops.

Too many fruits are reddish, and blue wasn't being used for anything, so they shrugged and created "blue raspberry" as a thing. (A carcinogen scare over red food dye at the time also factored in)

The grunge period had some damn comfy clothes, say what you will about other aspects.

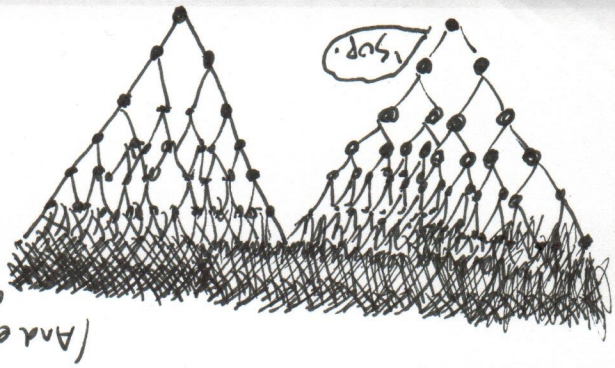
Flannel shirts are much older than the '90s, of course - the first one was made in 1850 by Woolrich of PA - they went out of business only in 2018. They played up the connection to Paul Bunyan in ads.

There's a thing now called a "reverse coloring book" - color blotches to which people add lines to create patterns from chaos. Here are a few to try:

Genealogy is neat. Turns out, I'm descended from Charlemagne! Of course, so is literally everyone else with European ancestry, so that's not particularly special. But it does emphasize how related we all really are.

So how far back do you need to go before we hit a common ancestor for all of us?

A 2004 study from MIT says "No earlier than 1400 CE and possibly as recently as AD 55." So whoever you are reading this: We're cousins somehow.



(And eponymical ancestor training boogles the mind.)

SOME COOL WEBSITES TO TRY

An endlessly entertaining wiki that takes your favorite shows, movies, books, video games, and memes, and analyzes the tropes and makes them up. One of my favorites to try: "Executive Meddling."

(tvtropes.org)

tvtropes

This one's a little tricky to describe. It's a fictional archive gathering material from containing writers that purports to catalog paranormal horrors discovered around the world, and the methods employed to contain them. Click on "Random SCP" to get started (left sidebar)

SCP Foundation
Secure. Contain. Protect.

(scp-wiki.wikidot.com)

One more wiki - the Lost Media wiki: rounds up missing lost movies and shows, unreleased games, and much more in the hope of users realis covering them.

LMW

(lostmediawiki.com)

Everywhere has a story...

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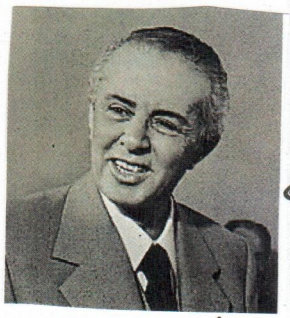
("Albania" to you!)

More Albanians live outside of the country than in!



Albanians Better than This Guy:
- The Belushi brothers (maybe not Jim)
- Mother Teresa (born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu)
- Rita Ora
- Dua Lipa
- Bebe Rexha
- Eliza Dushku

Big on Coffee!

Lots of oil!

Surprisingly good Internet!

Their government had it all:

Domination by the Ottomans!

A king named Zog that lots of people tried to kill! (Love the 'stache.) →

Domination (again) by fascist Italy!

A brutal Stalinist that isolated them from everyone! (Enver Hoxha) ←

Pyramid schemes like crazy that brought down the new post-Communist government!

General stability now that's looking for EU membership!

Bunkers all over the place!

Their black-on-red flag is pretty metal.